

EDGREN'S COLUMN



ROBERT EDGREN

**YOUNGSTER** was killed in a "private fight" in Pennsylvania Monday night. The fight was held in a barn, like most of the affairs of that kind, without any of the safeguards that surround a boxing match. There is as much difference between boxing matches and affairs of this kind as there is between light and darkness. A boxing match is a clean exhibition of athletic skill, as interesting to the boxers as it is to the spectators. A "private fight" of the kind in vogue around New York is a little worse than a dog fight. If the police exercised their powers a little more strenuously the fighters who engage in these cellar contests would be in jail, and the thugs who conduct them would be adorned with suits of a loud but not fashionable stripe.

**ONCE** for the purpose of writing an account of it, attended a "private fight" in New York City. It was held in a hall over a saloon in Fifty-third street, near Sixth avenue. Every nationality was represented in the motley crowd that filled the narrow space around the extemporized ring. There were men of many races, but the negroes were in the ascendancy. There was a very pompous black man who acted as announcer. He was a villainous-looking customer, plucked from small-pox, bull-necked and with an undershot jaw like that of a bulldog. He wore a little derby hat perched upon the back of his head, and a black cigar stuck out from one corner of his mouth at an upward tilt of about 45 degrees. I remember his first announcement:

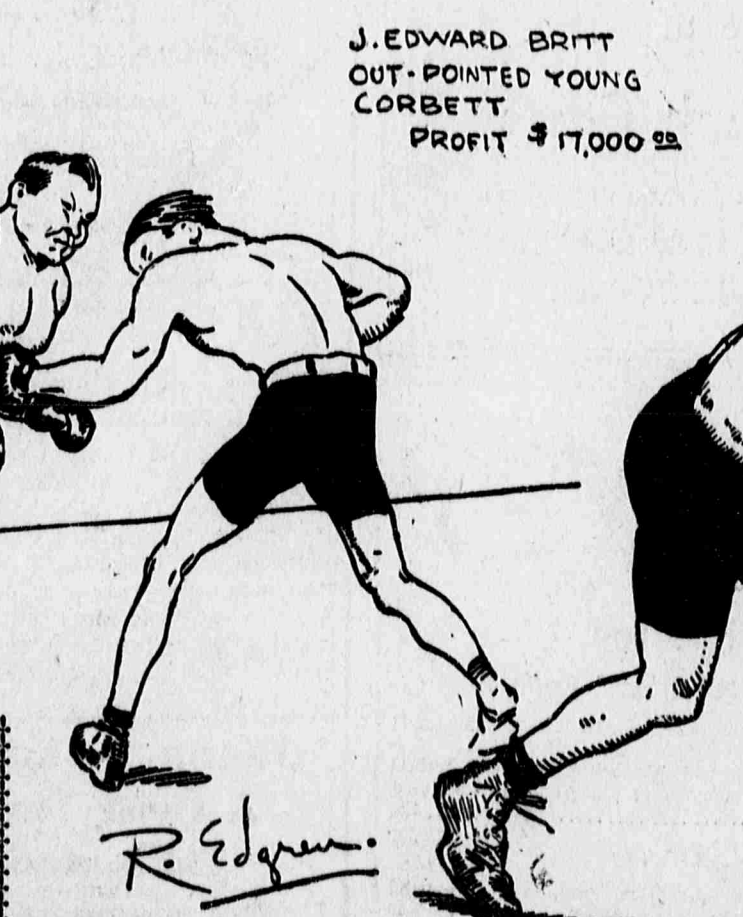
"Gentlemen, if you don't want to get pinched, you gentlemen will have to keep quiet. Any gentleman that makes a holler will get thrown out. The police is all right as long as there isn't too much noise, but the gentlemen what are running this show don't want to take no chance of gettin' the joint pulled, see?"

**JOHN PLENING** will try to win back his lost laurels from Egeberg, the big Danish wrestler, to-night. Plening has been away in the country for several weeks training for the match. He is said to be in the shape. About a year ago, Plening, who had attained some degree of prosperity in the wrestling game, opened a saloon. He attributes his defeat by Egeberg to the fact that the bar business included too many untillings of beer glasses. "The Great White Way" on a smaller scale. However, Plening's release probably was nothing at all compared to "Young Corbett's." It is safe to say that he will be in as good shape to wrestle to-night as ever before, and if Egeberg defeats him again it will simply establish the fact for all time that the Dane is a better man.

Egeberg, if he wins, will go after any of the best big men who will meet him. He is the best foreign wrestler who has come to this country for several years, and is unique in that he refuses to wrestle except "on the level." Among all the fakery that have infested the wrestling game during the past ten years Egeberg furnishes a pleasing contrast.

**SEVERAL** athletes and football players of the New York University announce that they are willing to try conclusions with Higashi, a Japanese jiu jitsu expert. Higashi, who is a better guy with any monkey with a buzz-saw, it is safer.

**PHILADELPHIA JACK O'BRIEN** arrived in Philadelphia, on his return trip from the Bermudas at 2:15 P. M. yesterday. At 2:15 he had made a match with John Willie, of Chicago, and had furnished every newspaper in Philadelphia with a typewritten statement to the effect that he would accept Bob Fitzsimmons's challenge to meet him for the middle-weight championship of the world. Very quick work, Jack.



J. EDWARD BRITT OUT-POINTED YOUNG CORBETT PROFIT \$17,000.25

**GREAT INTEREST SHOWN IN BOWLING TOURNEY**  
Many Entries Already Received for Evening World's Head-Pin Match and All Records Will Be Broken.

No bowling tournament of recent years has attracted the attention of the best followers of that sport as The Evening World's big Free Head Pin match, which will be inaugurated next month at the White Elephant alleys. Already many entries have been received, and it is probable that the entry list will have to be closed at an early date so as to avoid overcrowding. All organized bowling clubs are invited to take part in the tournament, but it is advisable to have no delay in notifying the committee of the intention to roll.

Only one team of five men will be allowed to represent each club, and in this way the very best bowlers in New York will be brought together and all records for high scores will be broken. It is confidently expected.

The Evening World will donate a handsome and valuable trophy for the winning team and the title of champions of the United Bowling Clubs will be an additional honor.

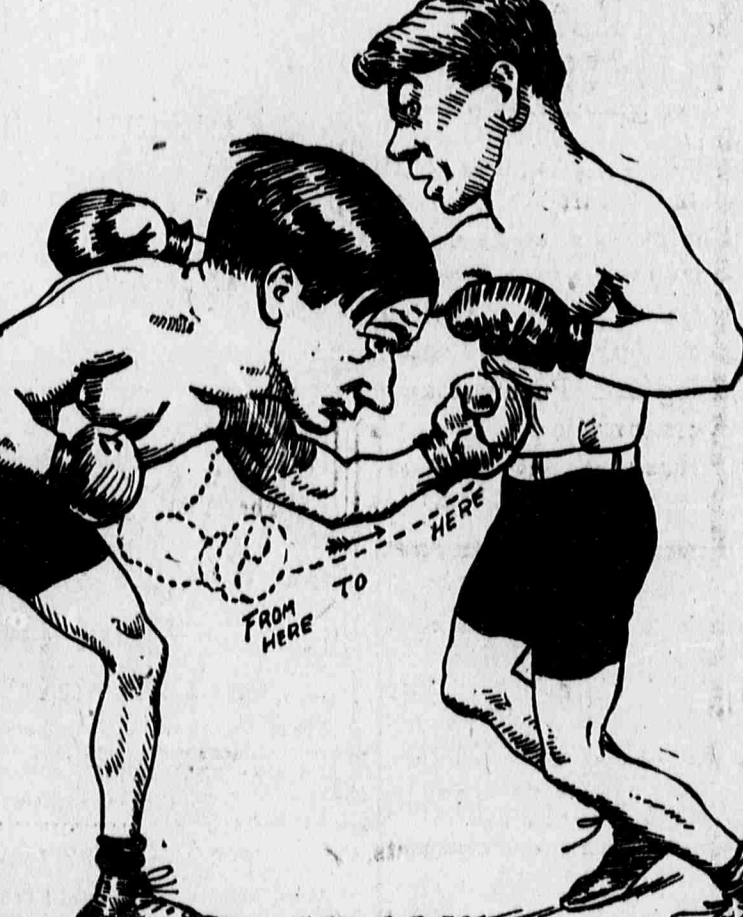
Every bowler who passes the 100 mark will get a handsome watch for a silver medal will be presented as well. In addition there will be other prizes for high individual scores.

**Central Y. M. C. A.**  
(No. 522 Fulton street.)  
FIRST GAME—Third Class—Scotclough, 149; Phug, 143; Medford, 123; Van Thun, 121; total, 536.  
SECOND GAME—Hoverman, 132; Van Thun, 121; Medford, 123; total, 376.  
THIRD GAME—Scotclough, 149; Van Thun, 121; Medford, 123; total, 393.

**Kellogg Losses Twice.**  
FIRST GAME—Kellogg—Powers, 158; Repp, 120; Gardner, 121; Leo, 115; Williams, 143; total, 617.  
SECOND GAME—Kellogg—Powers, 158; Repp, 120; Gardner, 121; Leo, 115; Williams, 143; total, 617.

**San Salvador Wins and Loses.**  
FIRST GAME—Harlem—Smith, 145; Mahoney, 127; McCormack, 121; Schaff, 141; total, 534.  
SECOND GAME—Harlem—Smith, 145; Mahoney, 127; McCormack, 121; Schaff, 141; total, 534.

**Stock Exchange.**  
(Thum's.)  
FIRST GAME—Jacquelin—Thomas, 129; Martin, 142; Payne, 114; A. Somers, 121; Cross, 143; total, 613.



BRITT WON \$5,500. BY MOVING HIS LEFT HAND 18 INCHES WHEN HE KNOCKED OUT FRANK ERNE

**BRITT'S FISTS HAVE WON HIM A FORTUNE**  
In the Short Time of Three Years the San Francisco Fighter Has Added \$83,000 to His Bank Account.

**JIMMY BRITT'S WINNINGS IN THREE YEARS' TIME.**

Made out of fight with Toby Irwin.....	\$2,000
Made out of fight with Tim Hegerty.....	3,000
Made out of fight with Kid Lavigne.....	4,500
Made out of fight with Frank Erne.....	5,500
Made out of fight with Jack O'Keefe.....	1,500
Made out of fight with Willie Fitzgerald.....	5,000
Return fight with Jack O'Keefe.....	2,500
Made out of fight with Charley Sieger.....	5,000
Made out of fight with Martin Canole.....	3,000
Made out of fight with Young Corbett.....	17,000
Made out of fight with Joe Gans.....	12,000
Made out of fight with Battling Nelson.....	12,000
Made out of theatrical engagements.....	10,000
Total.....	\$83,000

Jimmy Britt, of San Francisco, has been fighting professionally for three years. During that time his ring earnings have been larger than those of Heavy-weight Champion Jim Jeffries. Here is Britt's own account of his battles, with an estimate of his earnings, written especially for The Evening World:

**BY JAMES E. BRITT.**  
I have had in all just two professional fights and have been fighting just three years. This seems like a small record, but remember every man was a topknotter. My first fight was with Toby Irwin, and went fifteen rounds to a decision in my favor and netted \$2,000. I next fought Tim Hegerty only ten days later, for beating whom I received \$3,000. Not bad for first ten days in the business.

Kid Lavigne came next, and my bit for winning was \$4,500. Next came Frank Erne, and my winner's end was \$5,500.

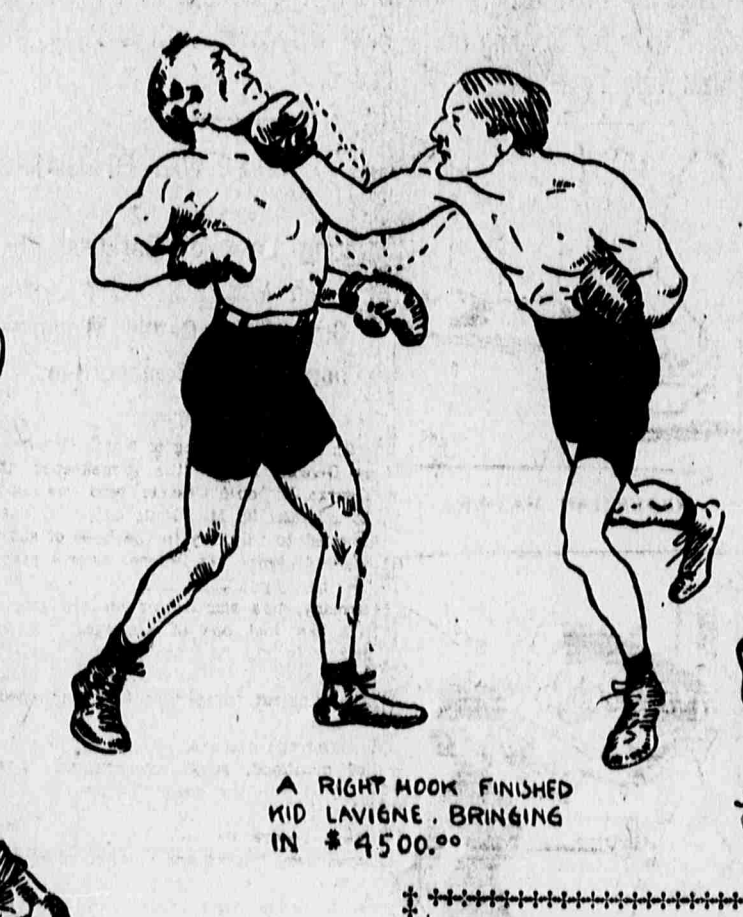
My next battle was with O'Keefe, to whom I lost unjustly by a foul after having him out. For this I received \$1,500. Willie Fitzgerald was my next opponent, and I gained \$5,000 for winning. My return engagement with O'Keefe at Butte was a draw and netted me \$2,500.

I then fought Charley Sieger and received \$5,000 more. Next came Martin Canole. We fought outside of town and I only got \$3,000.

The next battle was that celebrated one with Young Corbett, for winning which I added \$17,000 to my bank account. I trust that his defeat by Nelson and my subsequent victory over him demonstrated that I was his master.

Now appears one Joseph Gans on the scene, and having been badgered for years by him, I decided to write the question of supremacy once and for all. Although I lost on a foul, I clearly demonstrated that I was his master. Well, for this I received \$12,000. Gans received a like amount for being lucky enough to fall down just as Herford was about to throw up the sponge.

My last fight, with Nelson, netted me \$12,000. In both of these fights I was hurt less than in any other. This amount of money, added to \$10,000 made in theatricals, sums up total to \$83,000. All made in less than three years.



A RIGHT HOOK FINISHED KID LAVIGNE, BRINGING IN \$4,500.00

**'SPIKE' WANTED LARGER BET**

Spike Sullivan, the light-weight fighter, is one of the craftiest men in the business when making a match. Sullivan is matched at present to fight Jack Lee, the Avonia A. C. pugilist, in a fifteen-round bout on Feb. 18 for a side bet of \$500 and the largest purse offered. Before clinching that match Sullivan read every line of the articles of agreement over thoroughly. Just before signing the paper Sullivan threw out his chest and said:

"I have been fighting just fourteen years, and I am not sure if I am good as I was five years ago. In my first fight I made \$500. With that money I went to the bank, and seeing the pay-line I told him I wanted to deposit that amount, and as I intended to leave it in there for many years I thought I was entitled to compound interest. As it is fourteen years since I put that \$500 in the bank, I am sure the interest has floated up \$500 more. I hate to only take out \$500, turning it into \$1,000. I want to make that side bet on the fight \$1,000?"

As Walsh said \$500 was enough, Spike replied: "All right; \$500 is better than no side bet at all."

**HOT SPRINGS ENTRIES.**  
(Special to The Evening World.)  
ESSEX PARK, HOT SPRINGS, Jan. 15.—The entries for to-morrow's races are as follows:

**FIRST RACE—Five and one-half furlongs.**  
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284 Jordon.....100  
300 Macchione.....105  
301 Back Number.....110  
302 Mutual Benefit.....110  
303 Miss Anthony.....110  
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